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REPORT.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island:

The Board of State House Commissioners beg leave to present their annual report, in accordance with Chapter 1201 of the Public Laws, as follows:

The funds voted by the people for the State House became available about the middle of September last, and since that time the work on the building has been progressing as rapidly as the weather would permit. The exterior of the wings is completed, and the central portion of the structure is up nearly to the curve of the dome. The boilers for heating have been set, and the tunnel from the boiler house to the State House has been built. In the State House the floors, partitions, and steam piping have been put in, the electric wiring is nearly completed, and the walls are being plastered. It is hoped that the General Assembly may occupy the building during its next January session.

The terrace, approaches, and laying out of the grounds cannot be completed with the funds now at the disposal of the Board. The saving of time, however, in starting this spring to put the grounds in order, to which your attention has been called by His Excellency the Governor, is so apparent that we suggest that ten thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of the Board to enable them to do a portion of this work this season.

The contracts now outstanding are: with McKim, Mead & White, the architects, for five per centum of the cost of the building, on which $71,648.35 has been paid; with S. Homer Woodbridge, for five per centum of the cost of heating and ventilating, on which $1,320.60 has been paid; with Lewis & Claflin, the experts on electric wiring, for five per centum of the cost thereof, on which $548.75 has been paid; with Norcross Brothers, for erecting the building, of $1,625,000.00, on which $1,166,241.60 has been paid, and for building the tunnel, of $2,175.00, on which nothing has been paid; with Sydney Smith, for his patent system of setting boilers, of $900.00, and of smoke consuming, of $300.00, on which nothing has been paid; with Edward Kendall & Sons, for boilers, of $3,319.00, and for connections, of $775.00, on which nothing has been paid; with the F. W. Foster Manufacturing Co., of $378.00, for shaking grates, on which nothing has been paid; with Wells & Newton, for gas piping, of $450.00, on which nothing has been paid; with Scannevin & Potter, for electric wiring, of $21,950.00, on which nothing has been paid; with Mills, Horton & Read, for steam piping, of $1,855.00, on which nothing has been paid; and one with John B. Byrne, for fire brick, of $66.00, on which nothing has been paid.

There has been expended up to the date of this report the sum of $1,674,400.24, of which $400,607.01 is for land.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Board of State House Commissioners,

HERBERT W. LADD, *President.*

Providence, R. I., May 13, 1899.

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